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## ABSTRACT:

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To prepare an antiallergic agent, comprising a bamboo extract and useful for preventing and treating allergic symptoms such as allergic rhinitis (pollenosis) or atopic dermatitis.

SOLUTION: This antiallergic agent comprises a bamboo extract, especially an extract prepared by pulverizing the one of the genus *Phyllostachys* such as *Phyllostachys pubescens* Mazel and *Phyllostachys nigra* Munro var. *henonis* Stapf and extracting the pulverized bamboo with a solvent such as an ether as an active ingredient. The bamboo extract itself is directly converted into the antiallergic agent and an oil and fat such as an  $\omega$ 3-based fatty acid (e.g. docosahexaenoic acid or  $\alpha$ -linolenic acid) can further be added to afford the antiallergic agent. The daily dose for an adult is 0.1-10g, preferably 0.5-3g intake expressed in terms of the bamboo extract. The antiallergic agent is a safe and readily ingestible antiallergic agent and has great effects on pollenosis of adults or atopic dermatitis of infants. The effects thereof are further increased when the bamboo extract is used with perilla oil, docosahexaenoic acid oil or eicosapentaenoic acid oil in combination.

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